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SOURCE Paragraph 1 and 4: Former Japanese intelligence officer  
Paragraph 2 and 3: Japanese

1. ~~OGATA~~ Inosuke (667/6351/0122/CG37/0504), with the assistance of Chief Cabinet Secretary OGATA Tatsuro (612/2455/494/106), has continued his efforts to organize a government information bureau in spite of criticism from the press. OGATA plans an organization which would aid the Government in shaping its foreign policy by monitoring foreign broadcasts and distributing the information therein, after evaluation, to Government offices. Information deemed suitable for public consumption would also be broadcast through the facilities of the Japan Broadcasting Company (Nippon Hoso Kyokai) (NHK).

2. Officials of the Foreign Ministry, particularly ~~OGATA~~ Akira (2582/6351/2424), have strongly opposed the establishment of such a bureau, and in August 1953 Ministry personnel were discreetly inquiring into details of the plan through friends in NHK and the Jiji Press Agency (Jiji Tsushin Sha)<sup>2</sup>. The Foreign Ministry feared that the creation of a new government information bureau would mean a cut in Ministry funds to a point where it could no longer continue its own monitoring activities through Radio Press<sup>3</sup>. The Foreign Ministry was also afraid that OGATA and the Cabinet Research Chamber (CRC) wished to see Radio Press dissolved<sup>4</sup>.

3. The structure of the information bureau was discussed at a meeting on 26 August 1953 between OGATA, ~~SAGUMA~~ Saburo (0005/2655/0005/6745) of the CRC, and ~~FUNUJI~~ (fm)<sup>5</sup> and ~~IMAMURA~~ (fm)<sup>6</sup> of Jiji Press. ~~IMAMURA~~, who was attending the meeting in place of ~~FUNUJI~~, suggested the use of the Foreign Ministry for monitoring overseas broadcasts<sup>7</sup>. OGATA was against this, but within two weeks he changed his stand and asked ~~SAGUMA~~ whether radio press facilities could not be used in some way. At a meeting early in September between OGATA, ~~FUNUJI~~, ~~SAGUMA~~, ~~IMAMURA~~, ~~MIZUCHI~~, Vice Foreign Minister ~~YOSHIDA~~ Katsujiro (1159/3623/0524/6681) and ~~IMAMURA~~ (fm) of NHK, OGATA asked those present to form a committee to work out an amicable solution and designated ~~SAGUMA~~ as head of the committee.

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1. Field Comment. Criticism by the press, as well as by opposition political parties, was strongest in December 1952 and January 1953, following announcements of the plan by OGATA and Prime Minister TOSHIKIDA. Critics said the plan represents a threat to freedom of the press and may lead to an organization like the presurrender Cabinet Information Board, which controlled news media with the avowed purpose of disseminating "unified information" to the public. OGATA headed the Cabinet Information Board in 1944 and 1945, and thus is particularly singled out for suspicion by the press. FURUNO is also suspect, since he was wartime head of the Dosei Press Agency (Dosei Tushin Sha). Source does not explain the nature of the assistance rendered by OGATA to FURUNO.
2. Field Comment. According to Jinji Koshin Reki, FURUNO is an advisor to the Dosei Press Agency. Presumably this is why Foreign Ministry personnel were visiting information there. *OK*
3. Field Comment. [Radio Press (Rajio Puresu)] is a private organization which monitors overt foreign broadcasts for paying customers. It is partially subsidized by the Foreign Ministry and is the Ministry's instrument for monitoring overseas broadcasts.
4. Field Comment. The CRC has been linked with the proposed information bureau in press reports since December 1952. There have been conflicting reports, however, on the nature of the relationship, apparently due to conflicting statements by OGATA himself. In some news stories the bureau was to be in the Cabinet Secretariate on a level with, but separate from the CRC. In other stories it was to be a part of the CRC.
5. Field Comment. This may be HASEGAWA Saiti (7022/6253/1557/2088/2945), a former Dosei official who joined Viji Press when it was established in 1945. See Jinji Koshin Reki for further information.
6. Field Comment. This may be ITAMOTO Kiyoshi (1484/2609/3237), a former Dosei official who joined Kyodo Press in 1945 and became chief of its editorial bureau in 1949. See Jinji Koshin Reki for further information.
7. Source Comment. ITAMOTO's suggestion that the Foreign Ministry be used is explained by the fact that he is a very good friend of Vice Foreign Minister OKAMURA.
8. Source Comment. Such an attack by the press will inevitably lead to the complete exposure of the CRC and may mean that the CRC will become the center of a serious political issue.